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Applicant : Rolf Bucker, et al.  
Application No. : 09/719,411  
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Title : DEVICE FOR CONNECTING AN EXTERIOR  
HANDLE TO A CLOSING SYSTEM  
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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please add the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

B1  
This application claims priority of PCT International Application Number PCT/DE99/01696 filed on June 4, 1999 and German patent Application No. 19826778.9, filed on June 11, 1998.--

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendment, consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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